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New Mexican restaurant is continuing family legacy

Alex and Hiram Arreola stand in front of Dos Hermanos Express at 25 Jackson Industrial Drive, Suite 100. The fast-casual restaurant serves menu items such as quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas, tacos, tortas, nachos, loaded fries and some breakfast items. *Makayla Coffee, MLive.com*

Dos Hermanos Express has been providing people a quick option for Mexican cuisine since the beginning of March.

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The next generation of a family-run business is bringing its Mexican cuisine to Scio Township.

Dos Hermanos has become a familiar name in Washtenaw County since brothers Nicolas and Reyes Arreola opened their Ypsilanti market in 2007 and their fast-casual Mexican restaurant next door in March 2023.

Now, Reyes' sons, Alex and Hiram Arreola, are continuing the legacy with Dos Hermanos Express at 25 Jackson Industrial Drive, Suite 100, in the former Moe's Grill space. The business had a soft opening March 4 and plans to have a grand opening in mid-May.

"We actually (saw) that something like this was missing here in the west side of Ann Arbor, so it was a perfect location," Alex said.

Hiram, 24, and Alex, 26, said it was a little scary opening their first restaurant, but the business is doing well as people discover it through word of mouth.

"It's been a good experience so far being with my brother every day, building a stronger relationship and getting to know him even better," Hiram said.

The fast-casual restaurant serves menu items such as quesadillas, burritos, enchiladas, tacos, tortas, nachos, loaded fries and some breakfast items.

"Our menu is fairly small, simple and fast," Hiram said. "But don't let that distract you from the fact that we prioritize our quality. That's actually our motto – quality is in our recipe."

While the Mexican restaurant may have made its name in Ypsilanti, the Arreola brothers said they mainly worked at the Dos Hermanos Westland location, run by their mother, Jehieli Luna.

The two have worked alongside Luna at the full-service restaurant and grocery store over the years, they said, adding both of their parents have shown them what it takes to be hard workers.

Hiram said his dad is always motivating him and his brother to put themselves out there while his mom supports them every step along the way. "We've been blessed enough to have both of them teach us everything we know," he added. "I think they did a pretty good job giving us that work ethic that we carry."

So far, it has been a lot of long hours for the owners of Dos Hermanos Express, but the brothers said it has been worth it. They hinted they have bigger plans and surprises for the location in the future.

The brothers said their main goal it to bring quality food to the area, while continuing to make a name for themselves and their family. "We just want Dos Hermanos to be known," Hiram said. "It started off as my dad and his brother and now it is literally me and my brother ... I love the name and I love what it means and what it represents."

Dos Hermanos Express is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Learn more online, on social media or by phone at 734-780-7388.